made where deputations are allowed keeping in view, *inter alia* the specialised needs of the organisation.

(b) No centralised data in respect of Government officers on deputation to various statutory/autonomous body/ Public Sector Undertakings of the Central Government is maintained in this Department.

(c) Besides the orders referred to above, consolidated instructions regulating the pay, deputation (duty) allowances, tenure etc. of the Government officers regularly appointed on deputation/foreign service in accordance with the recruitment rules of the ex-cadre post, have been issued by this Department on 5.1.1994. A copy thereof was laid on the Table of the House on 23.3.1995 in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1631.

(d) and (e) The functioning of the Public Undertakings/statutory/autonomous bodies comes within the purview of the respective administrative Ministry and no such case as referred to in the Question, has been brought to the notice of this Department. Each administrative Ministry seeks exemption from ban imposed on deputation in an Undertaking/autonomous body/Statutory body for a post, individually. The Board of Directors as a whole manages the affairs of the Company (PSU) subject to various provisions in the Articles of Association and instructions/guidelines issued by the Government from time to time. Normally, the Board consists of functional Directors, part time non functional Directors and part time official Directors. Considering this position, the autonomous functioning of an undertaking is unlikely to be affected adversely due to deputation of one or two Government officers to it.

Representations from Retired Government Employees on Pension Matters

2793. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from retiring Government employees about non-sanction and non-payment of pension to them;

(b) if so, the number of representations during the last six months received by Government;

(c) the precise details of those representations, and

(d) what immediate action has been taken to uphold the right of pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA). (a) to (d). The system of sanction and payment of Central Government pensions operates on a decentralised basis. The concerned Ministries and Departments from where a Government servant retires are responsible for ensuring such payments without delay. The complaints regarding non-issue of pension payment orders (PPOs) by the date of retirement are sent by the pensioners to their respective Heads of Departments/Offices and some are received directly by the Department of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare. The complaints so received are taken up with the concerned Department/Organisation for expeditious settlement. During the last six months period from September, 1994 todate, 13 complaints relating to non-issue of PPOs were received in the Department of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare.